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(C) PARAGUAY: JOULWAN TELLS MILITARY "COUP NOT
ACCEPTABLE." GENERAL JOULWAN MET YESTERDAY WITH PRESIDENT
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RODRIGUEZ AND LATER WITH FIRST CORPS COMMANDER LINO
OVIEDO, MAKING CLEAR AT EACH VISIT THAT THE U.S. WILL NOT
ACCEPT MILITARY INTERFERENCE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IN
PARAGUAY. RODRIGUEZ SAID HE SHARED THE VIEW THAT COUPS
WERE NOT AN ACCEPTABLE RESPONSE TO POLITICAL DISPUTES AND
ASKED JOULWAN TO SAY PUBLICLY THAT THEY HAD DISCUSSED THE
ISSUE. ACCORDINGLY, JOULWAN MENTIONED IN LATER REMARKS TO
THE PRESS THAT "PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ DOES NOT WANT THERE TO
BE ANY MORE COUPS D'ETAT IN THIS COUNTRY." WE WILL KNOW
GENERAL OVIEDO'S REACTION WHEN WE SEE ASUNCION'S REPORTING

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(S) ARGENTINA: CONDOR DESTRUCTION UPDATE. EMBASSY BA REPORTS THE FOREIGN MINISTRY PROMISES A REPLY BY MID-WEEK AS TO THE TYPE OF SPECIFIC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THE GOA WILL NEED TO DESTROY CONDOR COMPONENTS, WHEN THEY WILL WANT IT, AND WHERE DESTRUCTION WILL OCCUR. THE EMBASSY EXPECTS THE GOA WILL ASK THAT ADVISORS COME THE WEEK OF APRIL 13 TO HELP SET UP AND THEN WITNESS THE DESTRUCTION. SO FAR, THE GOA LEANS TOWARD DESTROYING THE COMPONENTS AT THEIR CURRENT LOCATION JUST OUTSIDE CORDOBA RATHER THAN TRANSPORTING THEM TO A MORE REMOTE SITE. (FARRAR)

(S) ARGENTINA: ISRAELI BOMBING UPDATE. EMBASSY BA REPORTS THAT THE SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE HAS DECIDED THERE IS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO HOLD THE FOUR PAKISTANIS DETAINED EARLIER THIS WEEK FOR QUESTIONING. (FARRAR)

(C) CHILE: THREAT AGAINST ISRAELI EMBASSY. THE OPS CENTER REPORTED THAT DS HAD HEARD FROM THE CHICAGO ISRAELI CONSULATE THAT A B'NAI B'RITH MEMBER CLAIMED THE ISRAELI
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EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO WAS GOING TO SUFFER THE SAME FATE AS THE ONE IN BA. THE CONSULATE PASSED THIS ON TO THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO AND TO TEL AVIV. S/CT AND DS SAY THAT THE CHICAGO POLICE HAVE VETTED THE SOURCE AND WILL TALK TO HIM TO FIND OUT MORE. (STEVENS)

(C) REGIONAL: UK INFORMED OF DECISION ON A-4'S FOR GOA. EMBASSY LONDON REPORTS TODAY THAT IT HAS INFORMED THE FCO OF YOUR CONVERSATION WITH BRITISH DCM ANDREW WOOD AND WAS TOLD THE FCO MAY STILL LOOK FOR A U.S. COMMITMENT TO GIVE HMG TIME TO CONSIDER AND MAKE KNOWN ITS VIEWS ABOUT ANY ARMS SALE OR TRANSFER TO ARGENTINA. THE EMBASSY ALSO CONFIRMED THAT WE WILL SHORTLY INFORM THE GOA OF OUR WILLINGNESS TO APPROVE THE SALE OF A MODEST NUMBER OF A-4'S. A CABLE TO BUENOS AIRES AND SANTIAGO IS IN THE WORKS.

(U) TIES WITH PARAGUAY: PARAGUAYAN RADIO REPORTS THAT THE CUBANS HAVE MADE OVERTURES ABOUT REINSTATING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, WHICH THE GOP IS CONSIDERING.
(FROM ARA/CCA)

(U) MLAT WATCH: SFRC STAFF HAVE SCHEDULED THE JAMAICA,

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ARGENTINA AND URUGUAY MLATS FOR A HEARING CHAIRED BY SEN. PELL (D-RI) APRIL 8TH. H, L AND DOJ ARE WORKING ON THESE HEARINGS. SEN. KERRY (D-MA) HAS REQUESTED THAT THE PANAMA MLAT BE DELAYED FOR A SPECIAL HEARING CHAIRED BY HIM ON MAY 20TH -- THE FIRST GOOD DAY HE HAD AFTER THE APRIL RECESS. SFRC STAFF HAVE REQUESTED A BRIEFING ON PANAMA ISSUES IN GENERAL FOR THIS FRIDAY. (ARA/FO)
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